

## Mission Beach and Pacific Beach Projects Making Progress

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I'm proud to serve Mission and Pacific Beach. The communities are some of the finest in San Diego, and the neighbors in each care deeply about their neighborhoods. They're often sharing ideas with me and my staff. It's invaluable feedback that I need to serve you as best as I can.

In that spirit, I want to provide updates on four important community projects that affect Mission Beach and Pacific Beach:

### **Crown Point Pavilion project**

The original structures were donated by the Pacific Beach Rotary Club in 1983. One of the four has collapsed and the others aren't in good shape. The Rotary Club of Mission Bay took the lead on a project to remove the existing wood structures and replace them with new prefabricated metal ones.

Also, four of the concrete picnic tables will be replaced with new ADA-accessible ones. New trash containers and hot-coals receptacles will be provided along with new barbecue grills.

The city broke ground on the work April 7 and it is expected to be complete before Memorial Day at a cost of \$217,833, which includes \$30,000 from the Rotary Club of Mission Bay. County Supervisor Greg Cox also pledged \$24,000 for new accessory items.

### **Mission Boulevard**

The boulevard was repaved from Ventura Place to the boat channel. A total of 310,000 square feet of the boulevard was repaved — including 93 curb ramps — at a cost of \$650,000.

Numerous folks who use this busy thoroughfare have told me how pleased they are with the improvements, and I am as well.

### **Cast-iron pipe replacement**

This project will replace nearly 8 miles of underground cast-iron water pipes in Pacific Beach, drastically reducing water main breaks, which is welcome news for homeowners, renters and business owners.

The project is expected to cost \$16 million. Work is scheduled to begin in October and should take about two years to complete.

### **Pump station repairs**

The city recently authorized \$3.5 million in emergency repairs to Pump Station N on Santa Clara Place and Pump Station G on Mission Boulevard and Pacific Beach Drive. I called for this following the heavy rains that flooded parts of Mission Beach and Pacific Beach in January. So I'm pleased the city is addressing the problems.

Preliminary work has begun and I promise to closely monitor this because I know how important an issue this is for so many residents and business owners.

As you can see, a lot is going on. I plan to continue to work with you to make sure Mission Beach and Pacific Beach are getting the resources they need. You and your communities deserve nothing less.

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